

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

None of the claims are amended herein.

Claims 1-19 are "objected to."

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-19 are currently pending and under consideration.

II. OBJECTIONS TO THE DRAWINGS

In items 1-3, on pages 2-4 of the Office Action, the drawings are "objected to." On March 30, 2005, the undersigned called the Examiner to discuss the drawing objections. After the Examiner and the undersigned reviewed the drawings filed in the subject application on March 30, 2004, it was discovered that those drawings were inadvertently filed. To correct this matter and overcome the outstanding drawing objections, replacement sheets of FIGS. 1 through 8 are submitted herewith to replace the FIGS. 1 through 9 filed March 30, 2004.

FIGS. 1 through 8 are the correct drawings that correspond to pages 4-18 of the Applicant's specification. In view of the attached replacement sheets of FIGS. 1 through 8, the outstanding drawing objection should be resolved.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that the objection is overcome.

III. OBJECTION TO THE SPECIFICATION

According to the comments in section II above, it is respectfully submitted that the objection to the specification are overcome.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the objection is overcome.

IV. CLAIM OBJECTIONS

According to the comments in section II above, it is respectfully submitted that the claim objections are overcome.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the objection is overcome.

V. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that each of the claims patentably distinguishes over the prior art, and therefore defines allowable subject matter. A prompt and favorable reconsideration of the rejection along with an indication of allowability of all pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

In items 1-3, on pages 2-4 of the Office Action the drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). In order to overcome the drawing objections, replacement sheets of FIGS. 1 through 8 are submitted herewith to replace FIGS. 1 through 9, which were filed in the subject application on March 30, 2004. Approval of drawings is respectfully requested.